

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 stand objected to in the outstanding Official Action, as containing an informality. Claim 1 has been amended and therefore claims 1-20 remain in this application.

The Examiner's indication that the originally submitted drawings have been accepted is very much appreciated.

Claims 1-10 are objected to in view of an informality in claim 1. While Applicants believe that the subject matter of claim 1 would be clear to those of ordinary skill in the art, Applicants see no difficulty in agreeing to the Examiner's proposed amendment and has incorporated that amendment in the above amended claim 1. In view of this amendment, it is submitted that claims 1-10 meet all requirements of 35 USC §112 and any further objection or rejection thereof is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter being contained within claims 1-20 is very much appreciated.

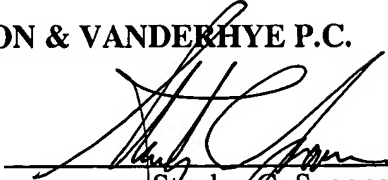
Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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